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SUBJ: SPECIAL REQUEST FOR NSF GRANT RECORDS

REF: STATE 041105-C

1. IN COMPLIANCE WITH DEPT'S INSTRUCTIONS PAO AND SCIATT CALLED ON THE UNDERSECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND SCIENCE, MANUAEL OLIVENCIA, AND DIRECTOR GENERAL OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, JUAN DE LUIS CAMBLOR, ON FEBRUARY 25, PASSING ON TO THEM THE POINTS MADE IN THE DEPT'S GUIDANCE. OLIVENCIA STATED AT THE OUTSET THAT THERE WAS AN URGENCY FOR THE MATERIAL REQUESTED AND THAT HIS RECENT TELGRAM WAS THE RESULT OF THE NEED FOR NEW OFFICERS IN THE MINISTRY TO BECOME KNOWLEDGEABLE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE ON THE MATTER OF THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM FROM ITS INCEPTION. SINCE THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION'S RECORDS WERE WOEFULLY INCOMPLETE, THEY WOULD HAVE TO DEPEND ON NSF COOPERATION IN THIS. CAMBLOR CONTINUED IN MORE DETAIL AND IN A MORE IMPORTUNING VEIN SETTING FROTH THE IMMEDIATE NEED AND COULDN'T SOMETHING BE DONE TO SPEED UP THE DELIVERY.

2. EMB REPS REPEATED THAT NSF WAS ASSEMBLING THE MATERIAL AND THAT THE WHOLE MATTER OF THE REQUESTS HAD BEEN REVIEWED WITH THE SCIATT ON HIS RECENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON. IT WAS ALSO NOTED THAT MATERIAL OVER 3 YEARS OLD HAD TO BE RETRIEVED FROM FEDERAL ARCHIVES. THIS FACT, CONSIDERED ALONG WITH ULK OF MATERIAL CONCERNED, AGGRAVATED THE TIME ELEMENT NECESSARY TO OBTAIN IT.

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3. UNDERSECRETARY OLIVENCIA AGREED TO RECEIVING PARTIAL SHIPMENT

OF THE MATERIAL NOT IN FEDERAL ARCHIVES STATING THAT
IT WOULD BE WELCOME AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. REQUEST
IS THEREFORE MADE THAT NSF MAKE A SEPARATE SHIPMENT OF DOCUMENTS
PRESENTLY ON HAND. THOSE IN FEDERAL ARCHIVES MAY FOLLOW
LATER.

4. DEPARTMENT'S VIEW THAT COMMUNICATION TO NSF AND FROM NSF
RELATING TO US-SPAIN AGREEMENT SHOULD COURSE THROUGH THE NORMAL
DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS OF MFA AND THE DEPARTMENT WAS NEXT PRESENTED
BY PAO.

5. UNDERSECRETARY ACCEPTED THIS WITH NO PROFERRED REACTION.
COORDINATOR CAMBLOR, WHO ON A PREVIOUS OCCASION HAD BEEN ADVISED
OF THIS VIEW, WISHED TO BRING SOME POINTS OF ARGUMENT TO BEAR
ON THE COMMUNICATION CHANNELING, BUT EMB REPS REITERATED
THE POSITION. EMBASSY WILL MAKE SAME POINT WITH OFFICIALS CONCERNED
IN MFA.
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